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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 16, 2003, Applicants make the following remarks.

REMARKS

The Office Action

Claims 1-10 and 12-20 are pending. Claims 2-5 stand rejected for indefiniteness. Claims 1, 6-10, and 12-20 stand rejected for anticipation by Newton et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,595,890; hereafter "Newton").